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CIA Takes Secret Data Reported Exposed in Employe's Home

From Post-Dispatch Wire Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—The Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday that it was investigating "the presence of exposed classified documents" in the Washington home of one of its

employees, identified at Hans Tofte.

The CIA spokesman said the agency was co-operating with Washington police authorities in an investigation of a report by Tofte that some jewelry belong-

ing to his wife was missing from his home.

A Minneapolis Tribune story by Clark Mollenhoff said that his home, and was notified about

about \$19,000 worth of jewelry this on his return late July 24. Slocum declined to comment.

Tofte said, "The whole thing was a silly cloak and dagger

raid. I'm proud of the CIA and

that's what irks me most—rather than being handled in a professional manner it was handled very clumsily."

Tofte said he is "outraged as a private citizen" at the manner in which he was treated by the CIA. He said, "what started as a coincidence ended as a clumsy performance."

Tofte said he expects to get the missing jewelry back.

Mentioned Manuscripts

Police officers who investigated the case said that they went to the home on July 25 and Mrs. Tofte told them that approximately \$19,000 worth of jewels in a purse were missing from a first floor closet.

The policemen said that Mrs. Tofte mentioned also that some classified agency material in manuscripts were missing from the third floor, but that she did not know much about them except that they belonged to her husband.

Mollenhoff's story quoted Tofte as saying it was "customary for executives and senior personnel in key positions, as well as employees of certain ranks and responsibilities" to take papers home to work on them.

He charged that CIA personnel unknown to him had entered his home, "managed to distract the attention of my mother-in-law, and roamed the house for a period of time." He said, "no warrant or other official identification was displayed at the time."

Subsequently, Tofte was taken by CIA personnel, investigators to the agency's headquarters at nearby Langley, Va., for extensive questioning, the story said.

The CIA spokesman said yes-
terday that Tofte was still on the agency's employment rolls, but that investigation of his handling of classified material at home was being continued.